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1. CHINA

WSJOURNAL'S CHING/NYTIMES' WREN/JOC (ALL BEIJING) NOTE
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PRC TUES DECLARED NEARLY 58,000 SQUARE MILES OF ITS OFF-
SHORE WATERS OPEN FOR EVENTUAL OIL EXPLORATION/PRODUCTION;
SOME 46 FON FIRMS IN 10 COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE CARRIED OUT
SEISMIC SURVEY WORK IN WATERS OVER PAST SEVERAL YRS WILL
BE INVITED ENTER FIRST ROUND BIDDING.
AP (PHING BEIJING) REPORTS EXHIBITORS SOLD 3.8 MIL
DOLS IN MERCHANDISE, RANGING FROM ICE-CREAM MAKERS TO
LASER INSTRUMENTS, AT FIRST "US LIGHT INDUSTRIES
EXHIBITION" THERE, MAKING IT "UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS,"
ORGANIZERS SAID TUES. QUOTES SOURCES THAT ONLY
100,000 DOLS IN GOODS REMAINED UNSOLD WHEN 10-DAY EXHIBIT
CLOSED MON; EXHIBIT DREW MORE THAN 80,000 CHINESE
FROM NUMEROUS MINISTRIES/SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTES/FACTORIES.
REUTER REPORTS COMMERCE DEPT E-W TRADE DEVELOPMENT REP
NA RINEHART SAID, "EVERYONE WAS VERY HAPPILY SURPRISED
AT HOW WELL THEY DID. HOW POSITIVE THE OF ATTITUDE
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AND HOW WILLING CHINA IS TO COMMIT FUNDS AT THIS TIME OF ECONOMIC READJUSTMENT."
AP (WPOST TAIPEI) NOTES INTL SOFTBALL FED SECTY-GEN DON PORTER TOLD NEWS CONF TUES THAT TAIWAN WILL ACCEPT PRC PARTICIPATION IN 5TH WOMEN'S WORLDSOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP BEING HELD IN TAIPEI/THAT FED WILL INVITE ALL 46 OF ITS MEMBERS, INCLUING CHINA, TO JULY 2-11 GAMES.
AP NOTES WILL BE FIRST TIME ATHLETES FROM MAINLAND HAVE COMPETED ON TAIWAN SOIL SINCE 1949. CITES WESTERN DIPLOS IN BEIJING THAT THIS IS MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH FOR

CHINA, WHICH HAS BEEN PROPOSING SPORTS/CULTURAL EXCHANGES IN BID FOR PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION WITH ISLAND.
2. CHEMICAL WARFARE
REUTER (BALTSUN SUN MADRID) REPORTS US CHARGED TUES THAT USSR OPERATING ABOUT 20 FACILITIES PRODUCING CHEM/BIO WEAPONS IN CONTRAVENTION INTL ACCORDS. NOTES CHIEF US DEL AT EURO SECURITY CONF AT MADRID, M KAMPELMAN, TOLD MEETING USSR SERIOUSLY/DELIBERATELY VIOLATED '25 GENEVA CONVENTION, '72 BIO WEAPONS CONVENTION, SAYING USSR OPERATED BIO WEAPONS RESEARCH PRODUCTION FACILITY IN SVERDLOVSK/THAT US "AWARE OF 5 OTHER SUCH FACILITIES IN OPERATION TODAY."
REUTER NOTES USSR'S DEP FONMIN ILYICHOV ANGRILY DENIED CHARGES, CALLING THEM "FALSE AND PROVACATIVE PROPAGANDA." REPORTS KAMPELMAN SAID HE SPEAKING ABOUT CHEM WARFARE BECAUSE ILYICHOV LAST WEEK ACCUSED US OF PREPARING FOR CHEM WARFARE. NOTES HE REPEATED US ACCUSATIONS THAT USSR USING BIO WEAPONS IN LAOS/CAMBODIA/AFGHANISTAN, SAYING IT "UNMISTAKABLE" THAT INNOCENT PEOPLE IN 3 COUNTRIES "HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF A DEADLY POISON RAINED DOWN UPON THEM BY AIRPLANES CARRYING, AMONG OTHER LETHAL AGENTS, POTENT MYCOTOXINS OF THE TRICHOTHECENE GROUP." NOTES KAMPELMAN DEFENDED REAGAN'S RECENTLY ANNOUNCED DECISION BUILD CHEM WEAPONS AS ONLY "CREDIBLE AND EFFECTIVE DETERRENT" TO SOVIET PRODUCTION CH DEVICES.
TOLERATED, STATING: "IF THERE IS TO BE ANY HOPE OF ACHIEVING A NEW AGREEMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN MUST BE PREPARED TO DROP ITS INSISTENCE ON RESTRICTING EXISTING US CAPACITY...AND RIGHTS." ADIS MCKINNON

CALLED GOJ REFUSAL ALLOW UAL SERVE TRANS-PACIFIC ROUTE TO TOKYO "BLATANT VIOLATION OF OUR AGREEMENT WITH THEM."

BURKHARDT CITES OTHER POINTS MADE: NOTHING IN AGREEMENT COULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR JAPAN LINK DESIGNATION RIGHTS (OF UAL) TO UNILATERAL DECISION OF WHETHER A BALANCED AGREEMENT EXISTS; THOUGH JAPAN CLAIMS AIR ROUTE AGREEMENT W/US IS WEIGHTED IN FAVOR OF US CARRIERS, JAL CURRENTLY DERIVES GREATER ECON BENEFIT FROM EXISTING BILATERAL THAN ALL US CARRIERS COMBINED; JAPAN "MUST MODIFY ITS PROTECTIONIST TRADE POLICY BY RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO PROVIDE EQUIVALENT BENEFITS FOR US CARRIERS--PARTICULARLY IN [illegible] AREAS OF ACCESS, PRICING AND ROUTE RIGHTS;" UNTIL GOJ WILLING TO TAKE THESE STEPS, "I CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT--DESPITE PRESS STATEMENTS TO THE CONTRARY--IT IS NOT SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN RENEGOTIATING THE EXISTING AGREEMENT." BURKHARDT ADDS MCKINNON STATED US IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE NEW AGREEMENT OR LIVE W/EXISTING ONE; BUT, IF JAPNESE PREFER TO KEEP OLD, US WILL INSIST ALL ITS PROVISIONS, INCLUDING RIGHT OF MULTIPLE DESIGNATION, BE HONORED.
COMMENT AND ANALYSES
4. PHILIPPINES
NYT'S HOLLIE (MANILA 2/7) SAYS FROM START, 1ST MANILA INTL FILM FESTIVAL PROMISED BE LIKE NO OTHER FILM FESTIVAL. ADDS THOUGH THERE QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW WELL IT WORKED AS FILM MARKET, THERE NO DOUBT IT MOST

SPECTACULAR FESTIVAL ANYWHERE. OBSERVES IT WAS "MASTER-MINDED" BY IMELDA MARCOS/1ST LADY SPARED NO EXPENSE. POINTS OUT, IN COUNTRY WHERE FILMS OFTEN CENSORED, FESTIVAL SHOWED UNCENSORED WORKS. ALSO REPORTS 1 GOAL OF PROJECT WAS TO INT FILM-MAKERS W/PHILS AS SHOOTING LOCATION, STRESSING FILMS CAN BE MADE QUICKLY/CHEAPLY IN PHILS. ADDS FESTIVAL'S DIRECTORS ALSO HOPED FLURRY OF FILM PURCHASES WOULD CARRY OVER TO ITS NATIONALIST TAGALOG FILMS. REPORTS BY FESTIVAL'S END (JAN 29), 30 FIL FILMS WORTH HALF MIL DOLS SOLD. HOLLIE NOTES THOUGH FESTIVAL EXPECTED HELP PHILS, IMELDA/MPAA PRES VALENTI REPEATEDLY STRESSED INTL NATURE OF EVENT; MOVIES FROM 39 COUNTRIES SHOWN. QUOTES FESTIVAL'S DIRGEN JJ LITTON THAT ANOTHER PURPOSE WAS DEVELOP ASIA'S 2.5 BIL PEOPLE AS AUDIENCE FOR WESTERN FILMS/CREATE NEW OUTLETS FOR ASIAN FILMS IN WEST.
HOLLIE BELIEVES JURY STILL OUT OVER WHETHER FESTIVAL'S HIGH IDEALS/COMMERCIAL EXPECTATIONS MET. HOWEVER, REPORTS ENOUGH FILMS -- ESTIMATED 20 MIL DOLS WORTH -- BOUGHT/SOLD TO GIVE FESTIVAL'S DIRECTORS ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO PROCLAIM IT SUCCESS. OBSERVES FROM BEGINNING, THERE QUESTIONS WHETHER FESTIVAL WOULD WORK/

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WHETHER INVITED FILM STARS/INDUSTRY FIGURES WOULD ATTEND; SOME DID/OTHERS DIDN'T. SUGGESTS SOME MAY HAVE BEEN FRIGHTENED AWAY BY APR 6 LIBERATION MOVEMENT LETTER SUGGESTING IT WOULDN'T BE SAFE COME. SAYS TERRORISTS WARNED EXPLOSIVES EMBEDDED IN WALLS OF NEWLY CONSTRUCTED FILM PALACE.
HOLLIE CALLS FILM PALACE 1 OF MANY OVERSIZED MONUMENTS BUILT BY IMELDA IN PHIL CULTURAL CENTER COMPLEX. POINTS OUT21-MIL-DOL FILM CENTER HAS BEEN FOCUS OF CONSIDERA BLE CRITICISM/FESTIVAL, GOP PROJECT, WAS FINANCED

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DIRECTLY BY CENTRAL BANK. QUOTES IMELDA THAT THERE WOULD NO LOSS BECAUSE FESTIVAL WOULD BRING IN MILS DOLS IN TOURIST REVENUE, ENOUGH RECOUP BOTH COST OF FESTIVAL/FILM CENTER. CONCLUDES, WHETHER FESTIVAL SUCCESS OR NOT IS IRRELEVANT; NEXT YR THERE WILL BE ANOTHER -- PROBABLY BIGGER/GRANDER THAN THIS YR'S -- AND MRS MARCOS PROMISES THERE WILL BE INTL FESTIVAL EVERY JAN.

5. KOREA

COLORADO SPRINGS GAZETTE-TELEGRAPH (1/12 EDIT) SAYS NK WAS PLAYING WITH FIRE IN DEC WHEN IT LAUNCHED LARGE-SCALE WAR GAMES WITHOUT ADVANCE WARNING. OBSERVES US TROOPS/NAVAL VESSELS WENT ON FULL-SCALE ALERT/WARSHIPS OF 7TH FLEET IN SEA OF JAPAN STEAMED TOWARD KOREAN PENINSULA. POINTS OUT MATTER WAS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF NKOREANS AT MEETING AT PANMUNJOM TRUCE VILLAGE WHEN R ADM JG STORMS PROPOSED NKOREANS PROVIDE PRIOR NOTICE FUTURE -- BUT THEY CHOSE IGNORE ADVICE. BELIEVES NKOREANS MAKING MISTAKE. NOTES US/MOST ALL EURO COUNTRIES, INCLUDING GDR/USSR, AGREED AT HELSINKI TO GIVE 21 DAYS' ADVANCE NOTICE FOR LARGE MIL MANEUVERS. REPORTS STORMS SAID WAR GAMES DRAMATICALLY INCREASED TENSION THROUGHOUT KOREAN PENINSULA/AS RESULT, US SIDE "NATURALLY BECAME SERIOUSLY CONCERNED" ABOUT NK'S INTENTIONS. PAPER SUGGESTS NK'S CALLOUSNESS COULD HAVE EASILY BROUGHT CATASTROPHE. THINKS PRIOR-NOTICE AGREEMENT LIKE 1 UNDER HELSINKI PACT SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED FOR ASIA.

6. THAILAND

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PHINQ'S NORILAND (PAN HIN TAEK 2/11) NOTES 2/6 RELEASE OF 6 WESTERN TOURISTS/THAI GUIDE HELD CAPTIVE BY SUA FORCES. SAYS TO THAI AUTHORITIES CRACKDOWN WHICH LED TO THEIR ABDUCTION IS SERIOUS BUSINESS. POINTS OUT 17 MEMBERS OF THAI FORCES KILLED THUS FAR. BELIEVES MUCH OF COUNTRY AROUSED BY PRIVATE ARMIES' VIOLATION

OF NATION'S SOVEREIGNTY. REPORTS THAI CRACKDOWN ON NARCOTICS WARLORD KHUN SA HAS ENTHUSIASTIC BACKING OF US DEA, WHICH HAS LABELED SUA ITS "NO. 1 ENFORCEMENT TARGET" IN THAILAND. NOTES DEA MAINTAINS KHUN SA CONTROLS 70 PCT OF GOLDEN TRIANGLE'S ESTIMATED 30-TON ANNUAL HEROIN OUTPUT/IS MAJOR SUPPLY SOURCE FOR US DRUG TRADE. OBSERVES US OFFICIALS HAVE LONG COMPLAINED ABOUT THAI POLICY OF ALLOWING SUA FIND SANCTUARY IN THAILAND. NOTES WHILE KHUN SA'S SUA OSTENSIBLY FIGHTING FOR INDEPENDENCE FROM BURMA OF SHAN STATE, US NARCOTICS OFFICIALS CALL SUA "JUST A BAND OF THUGSUSE SHAN NATIONALISM AS A THIN VENEER OF COVER FOR NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING." OBSERVES SUA NOT ONLY ARMY FIGHTING FOR SHAN INDEPENDENCE/NOT ONLY ONE INVOLVED IN OPIUM TRAFFICKING, THOUGH IT IS PREMIER DRUG ARMY. NORDLANDREPORTS RTG HAS LONG TREATED SUA/OTHER PRIVATE ARMIES AS USEFUL BUFFER BETWEEN ITS OWN TROOPS/COMMUNIST INSURGENTS WHO OPERATE IN N THAILAND. SAYS RTG HAS EVEN GONE SO FAR AS ARM TEEM/HIRE TEEM TO GUARD ROAD-BUILDING PROJECTS IN SENSITIVE AREAS. STATES, UNTIL RECENT CRACK-DOWN, KHUN SA OPERATED WITH IMPUNITY. BUT BELIEVES WHEN RTG ANNOUNCED REWARD FOR KHUN SA'S ARREST/VOWED FORCE SUA OUT OF THAI TERRITORY -- PROMISE MADE MANY TIM'S IN PAST -- KHUN SA'S RESPONSE OFFERING REWARDS FOR CAPTURE OF DEA AGENTS CAUSED RTG LOSE LOT OF FACE. QUOTES US OFFICIAL TO THAT EFFECT, WHO AIDED: "THAT WAS HIS (KHUN SA'S) BIG MISTAKE."
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NORDLAND SAYS BEFORE RTG LAUNCHED JAN 21 ATTACK VILLAGERS AWARE OF BALLYHOOED GOVT CRCKDOWN. BUT BELIEVES WHAT SURPRISING WAS THAT IT OCCURRED. OBSERVES VILLAGERS/SUA HAD RECEIVED SUCH WARNI;GS IN HAST NOTHING MUCH EVER CAME OF THEM. REPORTS SINCE ATTACK KHUN SA'S FORCES LARGELY ON DEFENSIVE, CUT OFF FROM AREAS IN THAILAND WHICH NORMALLY THEIR SOURCE OF RESUPPLY. NOTES US OFFICIALS CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT HOW MUCH IMPACT CURRENT CAMPAIGN WILHAVE, THOUGH THEY WARN UNLESS PRESSURE SUSTAINED, KHUN SA OR SOME REPLACEMENT WOULD SOON BE BACK IN BUSINESS. OBSERVES, WHILE NO ONE FEELS GOLDEN TRIANGLE DRUG PROBLEM NEAR SOLU-TION, MAJOR IMPACT OF CAMPAIGN IS THAT THAIS DID IT. QUOTES THAI MIL OFFICER THAT -- UNLIKE PAST CAMPAIGN AGAINST KHUN SA, WHICH WAS "JUST A DRAMA" -- IF BANGKOK AUTHORITIES ALLOW MIL STAY, "WE WILL FINISH KHUN SA."
7. JAPAN
CSM'S MURRAY (TOKYO 2/16) STATES IMAGE-POLISHING PR CAM-PAIGN COULD BE JAPAN'S LAST RESORT EFFORT EASE TRADE-REL PROBLEMS WITH US. TS OBSERVERS DETECT SLIGHT HINT OF DESPERATION IN NEW GOJ MOVES PERSUADE AMERICANS JAPANESE AREN'T BAD AS OFTEN PAINTED. ADDS GOJ WANTS ELIMINATE

WIDESPREAD IMPRESSIONS THAT: JAPANESE COMPANIES ONLY INTERESTED IN MAKING PROFITS THROUGH EXPANDED EXPORTS AT EXPENSE OF LOST US' JOBS; THERE DELIBERATE OR CONSCIOUS EFFORT STOP FLOW OF US ;OODS INTO JAPAN; UNDUE BARRIERS HAVE BEEN CREATED BY GOVT TO DISCOURAGE US BUSINESSMEN WISHING SET UP SHOP.
ACCORDING MURRAY, SUZUKI'S GOVT IS WORRIED NO ONE IN WASHDC BELIEVES GOJ DOING ITS BEST SOLVE TRADE PROBLEMS. NOTES ADMINS' APPARENT SYMPATHY FOR CONGRESSIONAL MOVES ENACT

"RECIPROCITY" LEGISLATION VIEWED AS PARTICULARLY ALARMING, OFFICIALS FEELING IT WILL BE HEAVY BLOW TO FREE TRADE PRINCIPLE, WEAKENING RATHER THAN STRENGTHENING US ECON. BUT POINTS OUT GOV FEELS IT HAS DONE ALL IT CAN MEET US TRADE DEMANDS, ONLY THING LEFT IS PERSUADE US.
MURRAY CITES RECENT SUCH EFFORTS: FONMIN'S DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INFO IN US HOLDING PR COURSE FOR JAPANESE CONSULS/HONORARY CONSULS; AMB OGAWARA MEETS 3-4 CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS DAILY; LDP LAUNCHING PARALLEL EFFORT WITH ESAKI LEADING DEL TO WASHDC IN EFFORT ALLEVIATE US DISSATIFACTION. INDICATES AIM IS TAKE HEAT OUT OF NEXT MONTH'S SCHEDULED REAGAN/SAKURAUCHI MEETING.
INCREASING NUMBER OF BUSINESS LEADERS/ECON COMMENTATORS ARE BEGINNING VOICE IRRITATIONAT US DEMANDS, STATES MURRAY. ADDS THEY FEEL AMERICANS WANT HAVE THEIR HANDS HELD THAT ALL THEY HAVE TO IS SHOUT LOUD ENOUGH AND JAPAN WILL FALL OVER ITSELF TO BUY US PRODUCTS. OBSERVES THEY INSIST IT'S NOT THAT JAPAN'S CURRENT COMPETITIVE EDGE IS DUE TO ANYTHING PARTICULARLY BRILLIANT OR INNOVATIVE, BUT DUE TO WESTERN INDUSTRIAL ECONS DOING SO BADLY -- FOR WHICH JAPAN BEING UNFAIRLY MADE WHIPPING BOY.
8. CHINA
NEWSLAY'S WM SEXTON (BEIJING 2/12) NOTES NOT ONLY HAS DENG NOW SEEN IN PUBLIC SINCE JAN 12, BUT OTHER LEADERS, INCLUDING ZHAO ZIYANG/LI SIANNIAN/CHEN YUN, NOT PUBLICLY SEEN SINCE JAN 27. SAYS IF THESE LONG ABSENCES SIGNIFIED MAJOR DIFFERENCES BEING BATTLED OUT IN SECRET, MOST ANALYSTS THERE SEEMED INCLINED BELIEVE DENG WILL EMERGE WINNER.
AND NEW STATE REGS MADE PUBLIC WEDS, ALLOWING FOR OIL

FIRMS BID FOR EXPLORATION RIGHTS IN CHINESE OFFSHORE WATERS, SEXTON ADDS, FORE SPEC STAMP OF DENG'S PRAGMATISM CENTERPIECE OF HIS LEADERSHIP. HOWEVER, HE ADDS, REPEATED OFFICIAL DECLARATIONS-- THAT DENG HEALTHY/HOLDING DOWN HIS OFFICIAL POST/MERELY VACATIONING IN SUNNY SOUTH--ONLY ADDED FUEL TO FOREIGNERS' SPECULATION. IN VIEW OF DENG'S

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UNUSUALLY LONG/UNEXPLAINED ABSENCE. NOTES DENG'S ABSENCE COINCIDED WITH "SHARP CHILL" IN SINO-US RELS OVER ISSUE OF US ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN. SAYS MANY IN CAPITAL SAW THAT AS SEVERE SETBACK TO DENG'S PRO-WESTERN POLICY AND TO HIS IMMEDIATE POL STANDING IN POLITBURO. ADDS THAT, IN ANY CASE, PLANS CELEBRATE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE 10TH ANNIVERSARY APPARENTLY PUT ON BACK BURNER.

LATIMES' PARKS (BEIJING 2/12) SAYS REPEATED PRC ASSURANCES ABOUT DENG'S HEALTH/POL POWER HAVE FAILED ANSWER "PROLIFERATING QUESTIONS" OF DIPLOS IN CAPITAL, AND RESULTING UNCERTAINTY IS BEGINNING, IN OPINION OF SOME AMBS, UNDERMINE CHINA'S INTL POSITION.

PARKS REPORTS IN CAPITAL WHERE EVERY LEADERSHIP MOVE ANALYZED/EVERY CHANGE IN ROUTINE ASSESSED FOR POL SIGNIFICANCE, THERE OTHER UNEXPLAINED ODDITIES. NOTES IN LONG LIST OF CCP LEADERS SIGNING CONDOLENCE MESSAGE THURS ON DEATH OF VETERAN PARTY MEMBER, DENG'S AND HUA GUOFENG'S WERE ONLY NAMES MISSING; SAYS TROOPS GUARDING MANY EMBASSIES HAVE BEEN DOUBLED IN LAST WK, AND TROOPS NOW ON DUTY INSIDE GREAT HALL APPARENTLY ON AROUND-THE-CLOCK BASIS; ALSO, WAN LI'S USE OF TERM "SECOND LINE" REGARDING DENG'S ROLE WAS ITSELF PECULIAR. SWAS EXPLANATION MAO GAVE WHEN HE STEPPED DOWN FROM PRESIDENCY UNDER PRESSURE AFTER FAILURE OF GREAT-LEAP-FORWARD IN LATE 1950'S.HAIX

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